



Legal Counsel

## About Us

### PRINCIPLES

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Our firm is founded upon the principles of *doing well* and *doing good*.

WE SEEK TO DO WELL by providing our clients with exceptional, client-centred service. We focus on developing and maintaining excellence in our primary and other selected areas of practice. We seek to provide all of our clients with careful attention to their particular needs and interests and to be effective and efficient in helping them achieve their goals.

WE SEEK TO DO GOOD by preserving both personal and professional integrity with respect to the work we do and the manner in which we relate to our communities. This means that we strive to maintain constructive and positive relationships with other professionals, including other lawyers, who provide needed services to our clients.

### LAW PROFESSIONALS

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**Michael Clifton** has been practicing law since February, 2000, after obtaining his law degree from the University of Toronto and articling at Fasken Campbell Godfrey LLP in Toronto. Michael holds bachelor's and master's degrees in philosophy from the University of Waterloo. He has practiced in the areas of business law, intellectual property and immigration law. Since 2002 Michael has practiced almost exclusively in the area of condominium law for condominium boards, managers and developers in Ontario. He is a director of the Canadian Condominium Institute – Golden Horseshoe Chapter, and has several publications on condominium law and other topics.

**Mark Kok** was called to the bar in 2003 after obtaining his law degree from the University of Western Ontario. He articulated with the Kitchener law firm of Madorin Snyder LLP, where his practice focused on the areas of corporate/commercial, estates and real estate law. Mark later continued this practice in the corporate/commercial law department of McCarter Grespan Robson Beynon Thompson LLP. Prior to commencing his law career, Mark was an officer with the Waterloo Region Police Service. He has a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Wilfrid Laurier University and is pursuing post-graduate studies at the University of St. Jerome's College. Mark's community involvements include volunteer work with New Directions.

**Nelson Amaral** obtained a law degree from the University of Western Ontario in 2005. After articling at the Kitchener office of Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP, Nelson worked with Farhood, Boehler & Associates. He is experienced in corporate/commercial law and litigation. Nelson possesses bachelor's and master's degrees in philosophy and attended the International Law Institute at the University of Paris as a recipient of the University of San Diego's Pierre Azard Scholarship. He has twice held the title of Canadian Negotiation Champion and represented Canada in international competitions earning a third place finish in the ABA International Negotiation Championship in 2004. Nelson currently is a director of the Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery in Waterloo.

**Helen Ribeiro** has been a corporate law clerk for more than 17 years prior to joining Clifton Kok LLP as senior law clerk and office manager. Helen obtained a Law Clerk Diploma from Fanshawe College prior to commencing work in real estate law and litigation in Toronto. Her corporate law clerk experience has been gained working with Gowling Strathy & Henderson and McCarter Grespan Robson Beynon Thompson LLP in Kitchener. Helen is an Associate Member of the Institute of Law Clerks of Ontario.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### PRACTICE AREAS

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Our primary practice areas are

- **CONDOMINIUM LAW** (for condominium directors and managers),
- **LAND DEVELOPMENT LAW** (including condominiums and subdivisions) and
- **CORPORATE/COMMERCIAL LAW** (for all businesses types).

In addition, we provide a range of other legal services as well as access to a network of experienced and specialized legal counsel to meet the varied needs of our clients.

Our intent is to provide our clients with exceptional service within our areas of expertise and access to superior counsel in all other areas of practice.